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NEW YORK, *November 11, 1850—2 p. m.*

SIR: I found on application to the United States ordnance department in this city for personal arms for service of myself and colleagues, that the proper description could not be obtained; hence, at this late hour, (the steamer having to depart at 3 p. m.,) I have purchased some arms for my personal use; and as my funds are all put up for the voyage, I have given a draft on you for the amount, in favor of Messrs. Grant & Barton, who have advanced the same—say fifty dollars—trusting that you will approbate and duly honor my draft.

As more arms will be required, and understanding that the proper kind can be obtained at the United States ordnance store in San Francisco, California, I will thank you to cause a requisition on that department to be forwarded to me through Messrs. Grant & Barton, of this city, who will see that it is properly transmitted.

Very respectfully, sir, your obedient servant,

R. McKEE.

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